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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Also submitted is a copy of the PCT Search Report for the corresponding PCT priority application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any first Office Action on the merits, and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper.

Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the publications were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report for the Examiner's review.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission or that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

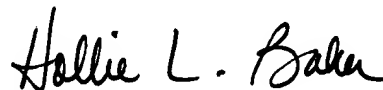
constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit any necessary fee or credit any overpayment relating to the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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